

Committee, Senate Lounge now. Revenue Committee in the Senate Lounge for Exec Session immediately.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to senator priority bills and LB 789, introduced by Senator Chambers.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 789, introduced by Senator Chambers, Senator Pirsch, Senator Rasmussen, Senator Robinson, Senator Abboud, Senator Hall, Senator Chizek, Senator Lindsay and Senator Will. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to Government, advanced to General File. The bill was considered on March 14. At that time...there are committee amendments pending, and Senator Lynch, I believe, had offered an amendment to the committee amendments that was pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: To Senator Lynch and the amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, last we visited this issue we were still in the process of debating the amendment. And I was not discussing it at the time, but others were. I'll be glad to revisit the issue after anyone else has anything they would like to add regarding the amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Chambers, to speak on the amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to Senator Lynch's amendment, and everybody who supports this bill, I hope you will vote in opposition. I will state what his amendment does. It's designed to require nomination of the seven county board members by district, then election in the general at large. For those of you who were gone the last day we met, and a considerable number that was, a similar amendment that was offered by Senator Labedz was defeated. Hers would have required nomination by district for five members, and election in the general at large. That amendment was defeated, and I appreciate those who voted to defeat that amendment. I'm hoping that you will vote to defeat the amendment being offered by Senator Lynch today, which is essentially the same one. I will tell you why I'm opposed to